

## COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE

### BISMARCK BRIEVITIES

A. Barth visited friends in St. Louis this week.

Gov. Folk was here a short time one day this week.

Albert Shire is dangerously ill with an attack of pneumonia.

K. L. Sherrill and wife of St. Louis are visiting friends here this week.

J. L. Foster arrived home from Hoxie Monday morning; his boy George is dangerously sick.

There is a general vacation in the school here and the teachers have gone home to spend the holidays.

Conditions are anything but cheerful here. The Railroad Company has laid off nearly all the yard men. Idle men are seen everywhere. Tramps are general, box cars are full of them. The very poor are all without food and fuel. This is no theory, but a real condition that exists and forcibly reminds us that these Roosevelt times are not all that could be desired.

### For Sale or Trade.

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### BUSINESS COLLEGE NOTES.

As announced last week, our holiday vacation began on Tuesday evening, the 24th, and the school will not convene again until Monday morning, Jan. 6, beginning of the winter term. All of our boarding students are spending the holidays with home folks and friends and expect to return fully refreshed to continue their important school work.

President Moothart and the other teachers will spend their vacation in Farmington.

Miss Maggie O'Sullivan in charge of the shorthand department of the DeSoto Business College, is spending the vacation with her parents in Farmington. Miss O'Sullivan is pleased with her work and likes DeSoto and its people very much.

John A. Nebelert, one of our first year's graduates, now having a very responsible position with the First National Bank in Cape Girardeau, visited us Monday and will spend at least a part of his holidays at his home here.

Our entertainment and box supper last Thursday night was certainly a very gratifying success. A more extended write up appears elsewhere in this paper.

All young people who have never attended a business college, should not forget that new classes will be organized in both the day and night sessions, beginning at our winter term, Monday, Jan. 6. Tuition may be paid by the month or bankable notes received in payment.

We now close our 1905 Business College notes with the best and kindest wishes for all of our readers, sincerely trusting that you have all enjoyed a specially Merry Christmas and that you will have an exceptionally happy and prosperous New Year.

### The Only Kidney Remedy

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### Newspapers in China.

Native Chinese papers state that the Chinese press will in future be controlled by the ministry of posts and communications. The following new laws are proposed: The press shall not be permitted to attack either the government or the administration. Nothing of the nature of a personal attack shall be published, nor shall any secret document of the government be inserted. These laws will be put in operation after the advice of the ministers has been secured.

### A Beggar Woman's Trick.

A woman at Beaver Falls, Pa., it has just been discovered, has been going about regularly begging loaves of bread from residents on one side of a street, pleading that she had a sick husband and starving children at home. Then she packed the loaves nicely in a basket and passed along the other side and sold them at fancy prices, saying she was obliged to bake to support a large family.

### Fictitious Impression.

"I cannot help thinking of the wonderful thought displayed in your daughter's commencement essay last June." "Yes," answered Mr. Cumrox, "judging from that essay, you would think she was as much interested in 'The Subservience of Individual Ambition to Eternal Destiny,' as she is in ice cream soda. But she isn't."

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## ALL FOND OF MAKING NOISE.

It's the Way of Mankind to Seek to Create an Impression.

"Lincoln," said Mr. MacGillikamby, "told a story about a little steamboat running on the Wabash river with a whistle so big that when the captain blew it he had to tie up to the bank for an hour or two to get up steam enough to go on. He had only a little boat, but he wanted to make as much noise as anybody on the river. And isn't it so, in a way, with our friends the automobilists? If you don't see it you can't tell by the sound of the horn whether the machine coming is a veritable battle ship of a car with a limousine body and with 14 extra tires clamped to it, and with hampers and baskets strapped to it all over, and with seven trunks on the roof, a regular house on wheels driven by 100 horsepower engine, or a rickety little second-hand two horsepower runabout for the floppy little runabout. It is altogether likely to carry a bigger and louder horn than the majestic touring car. And still, are steamboat men and automobilists the only people that like to put up a big front? Don't we all of us, big and little, like to make all the noise we can in the world?"

## UNCLE SAM IN ROLE OF CUPID.

Forced to Act as Matrimonial Agent in the Philippines.

One of the little details that fall to the Philippine government is that of finding husbands for the orphan girls of the institution, bearing the name of the Hospicio de San Jose, and to do this is no easy matter. Before the Filipino will consent to go to the altar he has to be shown a monetary advantage—in fact, a bride without a dowry wouldn't get a husband in a thousand years. Uncle Sam's agents, after wondering why there was such a dearth of bridegrooms for their pretty charges of the Hospicio, finally discovered that in order to marry them off dowries would have to be found. As the result a matrimonial brokerage commission has been formed. Through this, \$150 is offered to any young Filipino of good character who will take one of the orphan girls as his life mate, but no bargain is closed until after official cupids have thoroughly examined into the history of the husband-to-be.

## First Printer Found.

A French semi-scientific magazine does away with the discussion as to who was the first printer. Here is its story. When Aesculapius observed before the battle that made his name that his soldiers doubted success, he wrote on his hands, inverting the letters, the word "Victory." In Greek, of course. When the priest appeared with the sacrifice, a bull's liver, the great captain laid his hand on the flesh and kept it there for some time. After he removed it the word "Victory" was printed there, patent to all eyes, and this Greek was undoubtedly the first printer. The soldiers saw what they supposed to be "a message from the gods" and fought like lions.

## Russian Post Office Savings Bank.

Consul T. E. Heenan, of Odessa, states that although the post office savings bank system in Russia is of comparatively late origin, it shows a healthy development. The annual increase in the deposits now averages about \$46,000,000. The amount on deposit on August 1, 1903, was \$501,600,000, and on the same date in 1907 it had reached \$686,500,000. As there has not been any real advance in the national prosperity to explain such an increase in the nation's savings, the rush to the savings bank can only be accounted for by the fact of the people not desiring to retain large sums in their homes.—Consular Report.

## Warning in Time.

In his desire to use fine language, the dandy of the south frequently allows his ideas to become a trifle confused, as well as confusing. A handbill announcing a "colored picnic" to be held in a grove near Mobile was once freely circulated. After various enticing announcements concerning the delights in store for the partakers in this entertainment, the bill concluded with the following perplexing notice, printed in italics: "Good behavior will be strictly and reservedly enjoined upon all present, and nothing will be left undone which will tend to mar the pleasure of the company."—Harper's Weekly.

## Argument for Feathers.

Opposition to the wearing of feathers in feminine headgear has encountered an argument which shows that there are two sides to this as to every other question. Attention is called to the fact that were the practice of wearing feathers to be abandoned tomorrow 30,000 girls would be at once thrown out of employment in Paris alone. A champion of the working girls insists that if a bird or a girl must perish, it ought not to be the girl.—N. Y. Press.

## Horse, Hog and Elephant in One.

C. G. Minnick, of 2968 Darien street, Philadelphia, a week ago cut from a tree near Secane station a section of forked limbs for a one-piece three-legged stool. The three limbs where they are cut off are in the perfect likeness, one of a horse's hoof, the second of a hog's split hoof and the third like an elephant's trunk. The mouth and the trunk of the elephant are startlingly true to nature. The likeness is of nature's own carving. All Mr. Minnick had to do was to strip the bark off.

## "CHILDREN'S DAY" WITH ANTS.

Youngster's Pretty Idea of the Gathering of the Small Creatures.

"Mamma, next Sunday is to be Children's day. Shall I have my new white dress for that day? All the little girls are to be dressed in white." "Yes, Gertrude, I will promise you your dress for that day." "And shall I have my new shoes, too?" asked two-year-old Roy, the little sunbeam of the family. "Oh, you are only a little bit of a boy, just the 'sunbeam' of our home. You don't go to Sunday school, you know." "Can't I go, Children's day, mamma? Can't I go, papa?" "Well, why not little sunbeam, I should think you might, on this great day for children." And so it was decided that little "Sunbeam" should go, if he would promise not to get tired, and also promise to be a "good boy." It was a very proud little boy who joined with the infant class, and marched out into the main room, and tried to join in with the singing. He watched the other classes march in two by two, and it made a very great impression on him. On the following day he was playing in the grounds which surrounded his home, when he noticed what seemed to him to be an army of ants, all going in the same direction. He ran breathless to his mother, calling: "Mamma, come quick, and see! It must be children's day with the ants."

## REASON FOR THE PREFERENCE.

Husband Evidently Shared in Dainties Meant for Wife.

The Lady Bountiful of the parish was going her rounds and called at a cottage occupied by a "model" peasant, whose wife had been an invalid for some years. "And how is Mary to-day?" inquired the visitor. "Just about the same, thank you kindly, mem," was the reply. "Did she enjoy those little things I sent her yesterday?" asked the lady. "The things come all right, mem, an' we be greatly obliged; but, if I might make so bold, would ye not send her any more of that jelly? Some jam—strawberry jam—be much more suitable, mem." "Why, doesn't she care for the jelly?" was the natural query. "Yes, mem, she do; but I can't say as I does."—Judge's Library.

## Fashion in Medicine.

A curious communication has been made to the French Academy of Medicine by Dr. Grimbert, who has a fondness for statistics. The doctor has been making inquiries with a view to finding out whether there is a fashion in medicine. He has discovered that the old-fashioned medicines, such as opium, laudanum, iodine and bismuth, are sold in about the same quantities as they have always been. The sale of leeches has diminished. In 1876 50,000 were sold by a certain number of chemists' shops in Paris, but this year the same shops sold only 12,000. The glysters, phosphates and antipyrins sold 50 per cent less than they used to and quinine has gone down 24 per cent. As for the newer drugs—pyramidal, aspirin, etc.—their sale has increased enormously.

## Would Money Finders.

"I might just as well throw money away at once as to lend it to you," she said to the artist as he came in and began to smoke a cigarette. "You pay me in dribbles, and I am so surprised to get anything back that I hurry to spend it. Do you remember, not long ago, when you got paid for a water color and stopped me on the street and gave me back two dollars of that five dollars you borrowed? Well, I just went along spending that money foolishly for things I didn't need at all, I was so amazed at getting it back again." "You poor little thing," he said to her softly, "I'll never let you spend money foolishly like that again."

## Dissipated Men of Genius.

There is an unpleasant side light thrown on the days of W. E. Henley and his youthful followers, by Mr. Edgar Jepson, the novelist. He defends in the London Academy the memory of the late Ernest Dowson, who, sinking under consumption, found liquor both anodyne and stimulant. "Unfortunately, too," adds Mr. Jepson, "whisky was a literary fashion, set by Henley. It was an appalling fashion, which some of the younger men of letters followed with a kind of foolish schoolboy bravado. I have seen three of the finest minds I have known drown in whisky."

## Volcanic Ash Cement.

A recent number of a Nagasaki (Japan) newspaper describes a cement made from volcanic ashes, which is sometimes used alone and sometimes in combination with sand and portland cement. The ashes are much cheaper, and are said to be almost as effective as the cement, while the two are used together with still greater advantage. Dockyards, naval docks, etc., have been constructed from the ash cement, large quantities have been exported to Korea, north China, Shanghai and Formosa, and the demand is rapidly increasing.

## International Courtesy.

An exceptionally pretty girl, with an English flag lieutenant at her side, was standing on a chair on the pier watching the racing. On a chair behind her were two Frenchmen. The lady turned round and said in French: "I hope I do not obstruct your view." "Mademoiselle," quickly replied one of the men, "I much prefer the obstruction to the view." Can the entente cordiale grow a finer flower of courtesy than that?—The Tatler.

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## A Needed Official.

In an interesting paper M. Moure and M. Bouyer relate the extraordinary case which Emperor Nero took of his voice. At night Nero lay on his back with a thin plate of lead on his stomach. He abstained from fruits and all dishes which could hurt his voice. In order not to damage the purity of its sound he ceased haranguing the soldiers and the senate. He attached to his service an officer specially deputed to take care of his voice. He talked only in the presence of this singular official, who warned him when he spoke too loudly or forced his voice, and, if the emperor, carried away by some sudden fit of passion, did not listen to his remonstrance, it was his duty to stop his mouth with a napkin.—Modern Medicine.

## The Nation of Shopkeepers.

Napoleon must have been right after all. We are a nation of shopkeepers. There is nothing in the shop we are not ready to sell at a price, says the London Saturday Review. We would not doubt sell the Great Seal if we could get a good enough offer from Mr. Pierpont Morgan. Shakespeare folios, first editions of Walton, the portraits of Reynolds, of Romney—these and any other national heirlooms, only given a fat enough offer, we are happy to part with to any foreign nation that has the taste and money to buy them. We can put them up as coolly as Charles Surface did his forebears.

## Her Favorite.

Margaret and her little playmate Elizabeth chanced to be overheard as they were walking home from school. "What's your very favorite color?" Elizabeth was asking. Margaret looked thoughtfully for a moment, and then said, enthusiastically: "Plaid!"

## His Plea.

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## COURTS.

CIRCUIT COURT—C. A. Killian, Judge—Second Mondays in May, August and November. COUNTY COURT—First Mondays in February, May, August and November. PROBATE COURT—Second Mondays in January, April, July and October.

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## Final Settlement.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Administrator of the estate of DORA DILLON, Dec'd, will make a final settlement of said estate at the next term of the Probate Court of St. Francois county, Missouri, to be begun and held at the Court House in Farmington, in said county, on the second Monday in January, 1907. C. B. McCLIVOCK, Public Administrator.

## Final Settlement.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, administrator of the estate of ANDREW K. HARRIS, Dec'd, will make final settlement of said estate at the next term of the Probate Court of St. Francois county, Missouri, to be begun and held at the Court House in Farmington, in said county, on the second Monday in January, 1907. R. M. TALBERT, Adm'r. December 13, 1907.